

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2033 - HB 2153

February 7, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to issue an order within 45 days, rather than 60 days, after a hearing on matters involving an establishment at which inspection of the slaughter or processing of livestock or poultry is considered by the Commissioner to be operated or maintained in an unsanitary manner.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Meat and Poultry Inspection Act, codified in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 53-7-201 et seq., authorizes the DOA to inspect livestock and poultry in any establishment where livestock or poultry are slaughtered for intrastate commerce.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 53-7-217 authorizes the Commissioner of the DOA to require any operator of an establishment to appear before the Commissioner to show cause why the license of the establishment should not be suspended or revoked. The Commissioner must issue an order within 60 days of the hearing.
- The proposed legislation reduces this period to 45 days.
- However, the DOA no longer regulates the slaughtering and processing of livestock and poultry. The United States Department of Agriculture regulates such activities.
- The proposed legislation will not impact the DOA's operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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